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House Passes “American Jobs Creation Act”

Johnson: Bill Helps Create Jobs and Boosts Manufacturers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson hailed today’s passage of bipartisan legislation to create jobs and halt economic sanctions hurting American companies.

“This is, plain and simple, a jobs bill,” Johnson said. “Being able to compete and grow is what creates jobs. This bill levels the playing field for our companies and manufacturers so we can create more jobs in America.”

Frank Johnson, President of the Manufacturing Alliance of Connecticut, representing over 300 manufacturers and over 35,000 workers, expressed support for the bill.

“This is the first tax bill to come to the floor in years that will directly benefit manufacturers, especially small and mid-sized firms,” he said. “Aside from the tax cut for domestic manufacturers, the bill will get eight percent sanctions on American products lifted. We’ve got to put an end to these sanctions.”

The American Jobs Creation Act, H.R. 4520, offers crucial tax relief to domestic manufacturers and small businesses so that they can grow and create jobs. It includes:

- \$34 billion in tax cuts for domestic manufacturers and small businesses.
- \$4 billion in relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), which the National Association of Manufacturers calls the “anti-manufacturing tax.”
- Incorporates Johnson’s initiative to extend the research and development tax credit.
- Extends small business expensing of new equipment purchases for two years.

H.R. 4520 repeals the FSC-ETI tax regime, which the World Trade Organization (WTO) has ruled is an illegal export subsidy. The WTO has allowed the European Union to levy up to \$4 billion in tariffs on American products until the FSC-ETI tax regime is ended. The tariffs began at five percent in March and can increase one percent every month. They currently stand at eight percent and target the steel, electronics, appliances, and other industries.

The House passed H.R. 4520 by a 251-178 vote. The Senate passed its version of the bill in May by a 92-5 vote. A House-Senate conference committee will now merge each bill into one that can then be approved by both houses and sent to the President for his signature.

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